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Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during multiple interviews regarding prosecution of the subject application.

This Reply is supplemental to a Reply to a Final Rejection filed in conjunction with an RCE. Additionally, it is intended that amendments to the specification submitted in the previous Reply be entered.

Claims 18-26, 28, 29, 31-41, and 45-59 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A new listing of the claims is provided at pages 2-9 of the Reply. Claims 50 and 58 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-17, 27, 30, and 42-44 were cancelled in a previous Reply. Applicants' representative reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a later application.

Claims 18, 19, 25, 26, 36-37, 39-41, 45, 52, 54 and 55 have been amended to more clearly recite the invention.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 18, 26, 36, 40, 41, and 45 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

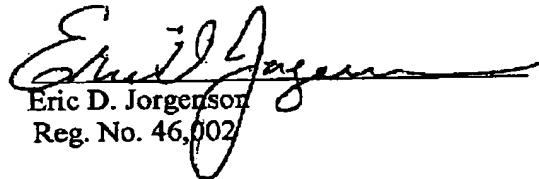
In conversation with the Examiner, independent claims 18, 26, 36, 40, 41, and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. The claims, as amended, produce a useful, concrete and tangible result.

10/732,744LEADP102USACONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3663 (LEADP102USA). Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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